

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) A multi-mode wet-wipe, comprising:

a first mode in which the wet-wipe has a relaxed length and a first thickness;

a second mode in which the wet-wipe is stretched to a stretched length greater than the relaxed length; and

a third mode in which the wet-wipe recovers to about the relaxed length and has a second thickness, the second thickness being greater than the first thickness.

32. (Original) The multi-mode wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the stretched length is less than or equal to about 30% greater than the relaxed length.

33. (Original) The multi-mode wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the second thickness is about 18% greater than the first thickness.

34. (Original) The multi-mode wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the stretched length is at least about 5% greater than the relaxed length.

35. (Original) The multi-mode wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the wet-wipe in the third mode has a density less than the wet-wipe in the first mode.

36. (Original) A non-woven composite elastic wet-wipe, comprising:

at least one non-woven elastic layer;

at least one non-woven gatherable layer, wherein the gatherable layer is bonded to the elastic layer at at least two points and is gathered between the two points to form a composite elastic material;

a first mode in which the wet-wipe has a relaxed length and a first thickness;

a second mode in which the wet-wipe is stretched to a stretched length greater than the relaxed length; and

a third mode in which the wet-wipe is recovered to about the relaxed length and has a second thickness, the second thickness being greater than the first thickness.

37. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the composite elastic material has a density less than about 0.085 g per cubic cm and has a CD tensile strength of greater than about 0.68 pounds.

38. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the composite elastic material includes a liquid distributed within the layers.

39. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 38, wherein the liquid comprises at least one material selected from the group of materials including preservatives, fragrances, emollients, humectants, detergents and soaps.

40. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the composite elastic material has a cup crush less than about 120 g - cm and a CD tensile strength of greater than about 0.68 pounds.

41. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the composite elastic material has a cup crush to density ratio of less than about 1300 cm^2 and greater than about 1100 cm^2 .

42. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the elastic layer has elastic fibers arranged in a substantially parallel configuration.

43. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the composite elastic material has a cup crush less than about 70 g-cm.

44. (Original) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the gatherable layer is non-elastic.

45. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the gatherable layer includes wood pulp fibers.

46. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the gatherable layer includes coform material.

47. (Previously Presented) A wet-wipe, comprising:
at least one non-woven elastic layer;
at least one non-woven gatherable layer including natural fibers, wherein the gatherable layer is bonded to the elastic layer at at least two points and is gathered between the two points to form a composite elastic material;
in stacked storage, the natural fibers of the at least one gatherable layer compress to a reduced thickness;
during stretching, the natural fibers of the at least one gatherable layer break free from adjacent material to an increased thickness.

48. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 47, wherein the composite elastic material includes a dry weight and a liquid in an amount of 150% to 600% of the dry weight.

49. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 47, wherein the composite elastic material includes a dry weight and a liquid in an amount of about 300% of the dry weight.

50. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 47, wherein the natural fibers comprise 50 to 80 percent weight of the at least one non-woven gatherable layer.

51. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 47, wherein the natural fibers comprise 60 to 70 percent weight of the at least one non-woven gatherable layer.

52. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 38, wherein the liquid in an amount of 150% to 600% of a dry weight of the composite elastic material.

53. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe of claim 38, wherein the liquid in an amount of about 300% of a dry weight of the composite elastic material.

54. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 36, wherein the second thickness is about 18% thicker than the first thickness.

55. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the second thickness is in the range of about 1.0 mm to about 1.7 mm.

56. (Previously Presented) The wet-wipe according to claim 31, wherein the first thickness is less than 0.90 mm.

57. (New) A wet-wipe, comprising:

- at least one non-woven elastic layer;

- at least one non-woven gatherable layer, wherein the gatherable layer is bonded to the elastic layer by at least two points and is gathered between the two points to form a composite elastic material; and

- means for increasing the thickness of the wet-wipe from a first, storage mode to a second, use mode.